

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 94 – SB 302

February 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (TDOA), in consultation with the Department of Health, to develop a training course on responsible ownership of dangerous animals to be conducted by TDOA. Requires owners of dangerous, vicious or wild animals to complete the course. Authorizes TDOA to charge an attendance fee to defray program costs. Effective July 1, 2012, creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for failure to attend the course, punishable by fine only of \$50 for each day the owner fails to comply.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue - \$7,000/FY12-13
\$4,500/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$7,000/FY11-12
\$4,500/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- There will be an increase to state expenditures in FY11-12 to produce training materials (\$4,500) and a one-time state expenditure for production of a training video (\$2,500); recurring state expenditures for training materials will be \$4,500 beginning in FY12-13.
- TDOA estimates that 200 people will attend the class annually. Participation in the class will begin in FY12-13 when the Class C misdemeanor takes effect.
- TDOA would implement an initial participation fee of \$35 $[(\$4,500 + \$2,500) / 200]$ to cover all start-up costs for the program. This fee revenue will be realized in FY12-13.
- TDOA would adjust the fee accordingly in subsequent years. As a result, a participation fee of \$22.50 $(\$4,500 / 200)$ would be required to cover continuing program costs. This recurring fee revenue will begin in FY13-14.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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